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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

Applicant: BLAKE GROVES AND W. KARL RENNER

Title: BUDDY LIST-BASED SHARING OF ELECTRONIC CONTENT

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 32 (including cover sheet) |
| Claims | 12 |
| Abstract | 1 |
| Declaration | 2 |
| Drawing(s) | 30 |

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/543,392, filed February 11, 2004.

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| Basic filing fee | \$770 |
| Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18 | \$918 |
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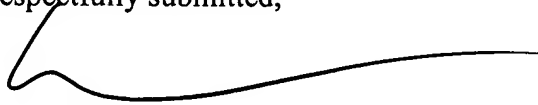
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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| First Named Inventor | America Online, Inc. |
| Title | Buddy List-Based Sharing of Electronic Information |
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